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SUBJ: NEW APPROACH TO SPANISH BY KING HASSAN

1. WELL PLACED MFA SOURCE HAS TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT KING HASSAN CALLED IN SPANISH AMBASSADOR AT RABAT (MARTIN GAMERO) MAY 13 TO PROPOSE THAT GOS MEET WITH MOROCCO AND MAUTITANIA IN PARIS UNDER FRENCH AUSPICES TO DISCUSS SAHARA SETTLEMENT. KING REPORTEDLY AGAIN WARNED OF FURTHER DETERIORATION OF SAHARAN SITUATION UNLESS THERE IS SOME MOVEMENT TO SETTLE DISPUTE BY DIRECT TALKS AMONG INTERESTED PARTIES. KING STATED OR IPLIED THAT PROPOSAL FOR TALKS IN PARIS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY GISCARD DURING RABAT VISIT WHEN FRENCH PRESIDENT SUPPOSEDLY OFFERED HIS GOOD OFFICES. KING'S PROPOSAL ENVISAGED DIRECT TALKS AMONG MOROCCO, MAURITANIA AND SPAIN, BUT SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED ALGIERS, EXCLUSION WHICH  
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KING REPORTEDLY INDICATED HAD GISCARD'S BACKING.

2. SOURCE FURTHER COMMENTED THAT NOTHING FRENCH HAVE TOLD MFA SO FAR ABOUT GISCARD'S CONVERSATIONS WITH HASSAN INDICATES HE MADE MORE THAN VERY GENERAL OFFER OF GOOD OFFICES. GOS FINDS IT PARTICULARLY INCREDIBLE THAT, IN VIEW OF CURRENT FRENCH RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA, GISCARD WOULD ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH PROPOSAL FOR TALKS THAT WOULD DENY ALGERIA STATUS OF INTERESTED PARTY.

3. SOURCE CONTINUED THAT MARTIN CAMERO RETURNED TO MADRID IMMEDIATELY AFTER KING'S DEMARCHE FOR CONSULTATION, PRINCIPALLY TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT GOS STILL OPEN TO DIALOGUE AND WOULD GIVE THIS INITIATIVE DUE CONSIDERATION. SOURCE CONTINUED, HOWEVER, THAT MFA CONSIDERS KING'S PROPOSAL PROVIDES NOTHING NEW AND IS PROBABLY UNWORKSABLE IN ABSENCE OF ALGERIAN PARTICIPATION.

4. HE COMMENTED THAT KING REALIZES THAT ICJ PROCESS IS GOING BADLY FOR MOROCCO AND THAT HE IS SEEKING NEW STEPS TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM WEAKNESS OF MOROCCO'S CASE AND TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF MOVEMENT TOWARD SOLUTION. WHILE HE DID NOT SPECIFY MFA'S FINAL POSITION ON KING'S OFFER, SOURCE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT SPANISH RESPONSE, AS IN PAST, WILL BE TO ALLOW UN-ICJ MACHINERY TO WORK AND TO SHUN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES AT LEAST UNTIL ICJ HAS SPOKEN.

5. COMMENT: MOST PRESS COVERAGE OF GISCARD'S VISIT TO RABAT BY SPANISH CORRESPONDENTS SUGGEST THAT GISCARD MAY HAVE GONE FARTHER IN OFFERING TO ACT AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO AND MFA'S SOURCES IN QUAI SEEM TO INDICATE. WHILE GOS, AS SUCH, DID NOT COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT GISCARD HAD OFFERED SERVICES IN BILATERAL MEDIATION, LOCAL PRESS COMMENTARY ON PRESUMED GISCARD ROLE GENERALLY FOLLOWED OFFICIAL LINE THAT ANY SUCH MEDIATION WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AS THERE IS NO BILATERAL DISPUTE BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO.  
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